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**State Agricultural Development Board Approves \$10,000 for Ag Expo Program
and \$94,977 for West Kentucky Growers Cooperative from Daviess County
Agricultural Development Funds**

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Governor Paul Patton, voted today to approve a \$10,000 grant to support the Ag Expo Program and Trade show held annually in Daviess County. The Board also approved a request of \$94,977 for the West Kentucky Growers Cooperative. These applications were reviewed by the Daviess County Agricultural Development Council and forwarded to the state board as a high priority items. The funds come from the approximately \$630,000 set aside for Daviess County in the Agricultural Development Fund established with half of Kentucky's tobacco settlement proceeds.

Governor Patton praised the Board's action to boost the efforts of Daviess County farmers and agricultural educators.

"This action means that the community of Daviess County will continue to benefit from the Ag Expo program, and that Daviess County is committed to supporting the West Kentucky Growers Cooperative. This is an investment in the future of Kentucky agriculture, the future of our rural communities, and in diversification efforts in one of our state's most progressive agricultural counties," said Governor Paul Patton.

The award was made as one of 23 approved by the Board during its meeting today. The Board approved a total of \$593,423 in state level projects, and \$1,265,877 in a variety of county-level programs, including the Daviess County projects.